

Mission Canyon Association  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
January 3, 2006

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of directors of the Mission Canyon Association was held at the McVeigh House at the Museum of Natural History on January 3, 2006, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Tim Steele, Ray Smith, Randy Reetz, Tom Jacobs, Ginger Sledge, Jenny Cushnie, and Nancy Bertelsen. Also present was Nancy Johnson from the Botanic Gardens. Absent were Ralph Daniel, Kathy Koury, David Vorbeck, James Madison, Remo Ruccione, Dorothy Veal, and Bill McCullough.

After presenting the minutes of December's meeting, Tim Steele made a motion that the minutes be approved. Board members approved the motion. The 2005 4<sup>th</sup> quarter's Treasurer's Report was briefly discussed and approved. Based on MCA's year-end balance, Randy Reetz suggested being more active, spending more money, and accomplishing more.

The meeting opened with a "round table" comment period allowing each board member to speak two minutes about his or her subject of choice:

- A. Ginger Sledge discussed a letter she sent, on behalf of the Orange Grove Neighbors group to MC ADRC board members, requesting a stronger stance on proposed development in MC. Also, Ginger informed the board that the County has received a Historical Resources Report for 1451 Orange Grove.
- B. Jenny Cushnie said she would like to see MCA take a more active approach to fire preparedness by providing frequent information and newsletters. Perhaps MCA could work with smaller groups within the individual Canyon neighborhoods.
- C. Nancy Johnson announced that the Botanic Gardens would be hosting the next Fire Safe Council meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. They will demonstrate the Garden's evacuation plan. She talked about how the Garden has been diligent about practicing fire safety and awareness and continues to conduct unannounced fire drills. Regarding BG's renovation project, Nancy said the County BAR has sent back a review of the Garden's plans and have a couple of more revisions (roof) before they issue a letter of completion.
- D. Nancy Bertelsen asked others if they had incremental changes over the last couple of years regarding the sewage surcharge fee on their property tax bills. She reported an increase from \$276 in 2003 to \$401 in 2004 to \$535 in 2005. Historically, the fee has been \$276 since 1984.

- E. Tom Jacobs reported that he has generated a new ARDC schedule for 2006.
- F. Ray Smith notified the board of an upcoming SBCAN meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm at the Faulkner Gallery. He also voiced frustration about the Bicycle Alliance working two years to complete an agreement that is not being enforced. The Forestry Service has said they have no means to regulate.
- G. Randy Reetz requested that the board begin searching for someone to replace him for the job of writing and publishing the MCA newsletter. He also asked Ginger Sledge to submit an article about Orange Grove for the next newsletter.
- H. Tim Steele asked about scheduling the annual MCA meeting in April. Jenny Cushnie said she would investigate dates with the Natural History Museum.

Back to the agenda, Tim Steele and Tom Jacobs continued the discussion about the possibility of hiring a secretary for the ADRC. Ginger Sledge reminded the board of Sandra Peterson's offer to help with neighborhood notification through her post at the County tax assessor's office.

Tim Steele informed fellow board members of his discussion with Judy Iskanian, of the Homeowners Defense Fund,) regarding the MCA co-hosting a future lunch/seminar for the Board of Supervisors in which Daniel Curtin, Jr, author of "Curtin's Land Use Law Manual, would be the guest speaker. The decision to co-host is pending further discussion between Judy and Tim and how the event is to be financed.

Regarding the Mission Park Rehabilitation Project, Sue Adams will come up with a contact list for MCA. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Chase Society is hosting a workshop to bring several interested parties together to discuss the Mission Park Project.

Jenny Cushnie discussed the Fire Safe Council Grant Process. She said she is still waiting for NEPA clearance. Tim Steele suggested that Bob Ferris help Jenny with the scoping process for future grant work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next scheduled monthly meeting of the Mission Canyon Association Board is Tues, February 7, 2006 at 7:30pm.

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Ginger Sledge, Secretary